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In re Application of :
Seth A. Foerster :
Application No. 09/781,793 : ON PETITION
Filed: February 12, 2001 :
Attorney Docket Number: OP-12 :

This is a decision on the Petition to Revive the Application based upon unintentional abandonment, filed March 22, 2006. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due ("Notice"), mailed January 26, 2005. The Notice set a non-extendable three (3) month period for reply. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on March 27, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was prematurely mailed March 20, 2006, and rescinded in an Office communication mailed May 9, 2006.

With the instant petition Applicant has revived the application. Applicant submitted the issue fee on April 26, 2005.

This application is being referred to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.

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